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Memorial Services

Decoration Day, Saturday, May 29, 1875.

HARRISBURG, PA.

SINGERLY PRINTING HOUSE.

Post 58, G. A. R.

ORDERS.

At ten o'clock A. M., the detail made for the purpose will proceed from the Camp, in College Block, to the Catholic Cemetery, and observe the Ceremony of Decoration.

FORMATION.

Members of Post 58, G. A. R., will assemble at their Hall, at One o'clock, and proceed from there to the east gate of the Capitol Grounds.

Honorable discharged Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, not members of any Post, Officers and Pupils of Soldiers' Orphans' Schools, Sabbath and Day Schools, will assemble in front of main Capitol Building.

Clergy, Governor, Heads of Departments, Mayor and City Councils, City Grays, will assemble in rear of Capitol Building, and report to the Post Commander, F. I. Thomas.

Harrisburg Fire Association, Chief and Assistant Engineers, and Harrisburg Fire Department, will assemble on Fourth Street, right resting on State.

Patriotic Sons of America, Masons, Odd Fellows, Brotherhood of the Union, U. O. American Mechanics, Red Men, Temperance organizations, etc., will assemble in the Capitol Grounds, right resting on the Land Department.

Citizens in carriages will assemble on Fourth Street, right resting on State Street.

Fire Department and Civic Societies will select their own Marshals, who will report to Post Commander at Two o'clock, in rear of the Capitol Building.

City Police will report at Two o'clock.

The Procession will move at half-past Two precisely, which time will be announced by the firing of a gun stationed at the Capitol.

Order of Procession.

City Police.

West Fairview Band.

Speakers.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

Soldiers' Orphans', Sabbath and Day Schools.

Clergymen.

Governor and Heads of Departments.

Mayor and City Councils.

City Grays, Captain Thomas F. Maloney.

Civic Societies.

Fire Association.

Chief and Assistant Engineers.

Harrisburg Fire Department.

Citizens.

LINE OF MARCH.

Out State to Cemetery.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

On the arrival at the Cemetery, the following memorial exercises will be observed:

Dirge.....West Fairview Band.

Prayer.....Rev. J. R. Paxson.

Consecration of Flowers.....Rev. Jas. C. Clarke.

Memorial Hymn, (words by Capt. J. T. Boyle,) music by Memorialists.

Strewing of Flowers.

Procession will then march to the stand.

Music.....West Fairview Band.

Prayer.....Chaplain O. H. Miller.

Oration.....Jas. I Chamberlin, Esq.

Doxology.....

Benediction.....Rev. J. R. Paxson.

At the close of the ceremonies, the Procession will march back to the Capitol Grounds and be dismissed.

MEMORIAL HYMN.

COMPOSED BY CAPT. J. T. BOYLE.

Oh, let us keep their memories green,
  Those brave ones good and true,
Who in the fight for freedom gave
  Their lives for me and you!
Yes, keep their memories green fore'er,
  And let our voices rise
On wings of gratitude and love,
  To hymn them to the skies.

And here, while May with rosy feet
  Glides through her bow'rs of bloom,
We'll bow our heads in silent pray'r,
  And strew each hero's tomb
With roses, pinks, and immortelles,
  And plant about each rest
Sweet roses, dear forget-me-nots,
  With lilies pure and blest.

And while with loving hands we deck
  Each "comrade's" lowly grave,
Oh, daughters of Columbia! kneel
  Where grass and flowers wave;
And win the mighty Lord of hosts,
  Through tears and humble prayers,
To take them to His fond embrace,
  And bless them—them and theirs.

And you, ye matrons of the land,
  With sorrowing steps, and slow,
Moved by a mother's sympathy,
  And draped in weeds of woe,
Come! when fair Summer fills the woods
  With warblers and their notes,
Or when within the blue serene
  The Virgin's spirit floats,

And with your little ones sit down,
  Their earthy beds beside,
And with wet eyes, and falt'ring tongues,
  Tell why they fought and died;
And bid them when their manhood comes,
  Like them to live; and be
Brave guardians of our blessed land,
  Its laws, its liberty.